

did abscond the third time to the County of Bladen
and remained absent from her husband for the
space of eleven months during which time she
got herself with Child and finding it would be ^{end} wear
She returned to Wilmington and there took medicine
and miscarried in ~~the~~ Kitchen of your Petitioner
of the same her life was greatly Endangered

your Petitioner further states
that as soon as her health would permit which
was not more than three or four weeks at most
After the act of abortion took place that the
Said Ann June has finally left ~~his~~ bed and
board and has been absent one year and ten months
during which time your Petitioner has not seen
the Said Ann June and has been for some time
past and at this time she is abiding in a
Negro house — With Negroes

Finally the property nor the life
of your Petitioner are safe unless he is divorced
from Ann June his wife

Whether can your Petitioner in
any way be considered the cause of the conduct of his
wife he refers to your honorable Body to the affidavits
of the respectable gentlemen here unto annexed

Your Petitioner is well aware
of the wise provision made in relation to Divorce —
But he humbly submits if the facts of his case will
not induce your honorable body to interpose and pass a
law divorcing him from his wife Ann June your
Petitioner will if his request be granted as is duty bound
Sworn before Jonathan Dorgan